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Amendment H Under Rule 116

**REMARKS**

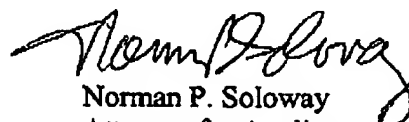
The indicated allowance of claims 9, 11 and 13 is noted, with thanks. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled art rejected claims 1-8 and 12. Claim 14 has been amended to depend on allowed claim 9 and to conform to language in claim 9. Claims 16 and 17 also have been amended to depend directly on allowed claim 9. Claim 15 depends indirectly on allowed claim 9. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable over the art, and no specific discussion of the art rejection is believed necessary.

Claim 12 has been canceled, thus rendering moot the objection to that claim under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Claim 14 has been amended to address the objection to that claim under 37 CFR 1.83(a) and under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

The foregoing Amendment makes no claim changes that would require further search or consideration by the Examiner. All of the art rejected claims have been canceled or made directly or indirectly dependent on allowed claim 9. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our deposit account number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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